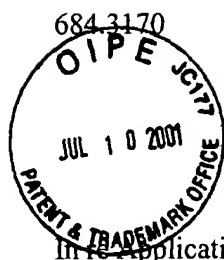


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- 1) Japanese Document No. 4-267515 is cited on pages 1 and 2 of the specification.
- 2) Japanese Document No. 5-21312 is cited on pages 1 and 2 of the specification.
- 3) Japanese Document No. 9-219358 is cited on page 3 of the specification.
- 4) Japanese Document No. 11-54426 is cited on page 3 of the specification. This document corresponds to the U.S. patent application cited below.

- 5) Japanese Document No. 7-201697 is cited on pages 4-6 and 14 of the specification.
- 6) U.S. Patents Nos. 5,305,054, 5,673,102, 6,084,655 and 6,128,068 are cited on page 1 of the specification. These patents relate to Japanese Document No. 4-267515.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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